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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page two of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page three of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 14, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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